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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MOVING THE TOXICOLOGY LAB
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

This is to provide an update on the actions taken to respond to the December 6, 2011 Board motion instructing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back within a month on the feasibility of moving the Environmental Toxicology Lab (ETL) from the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) to the Department of Public Health (DPH).

In an April 17, 2012 memo to your Board, DPH, ACWM, and CEO recommended contracting with an independent third party County-approved consulting firm with experience in public management and/or health services to: review the issue; examine the workload, budget, and space needs of the ETL; and provide recommendations.

Since the last update to your Board on July 16, 2012, DPH released a Request for Services to qualified vendors on the CEO's Master Agreement list for as-needed strategic planning and process improvement services. A vendor has been identified and the Purchase Order request is currently being processed. Once the PO has been executed, the vendor has 45 business days to produce a final report. We will submit our next update to your Board in mid-December.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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